

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method of treatment of a patient infected with an RNA virus, a ~~disease caused by viruses~~ comprising administering the patient a nucleic acid-binding chemotherapeutic agent which complexes a metal ion, thereby yielding a complex that promotes formation of hydroxyl radicals from hydrogen peroxide, said nucleic acid-binding chemotherapeutic agent being bleomycin, wherein the RNA virus replication rate is inhibited.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~claim 9~~ claim 7 wherein the nucleic acid-binding chemotherapeutic agent is used for the treatment of a disease caused by HIV.

11. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:
a nucleic acid-binding chemotherapeutic agent comprising a metal ion complexed therewith, which complex promotes the formation of hydroxyl radicals from hydrogen peroxide *in vivo*; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient, which comprises an iron-chelating compound which binds iron in a form in which such chelated iron is unable to promote the formation of hydroxyl radicals from hydrogen peroxide.

12. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical combination composition according to claim 11 wherein the

iron-chelating compound has an iron-chelating capacity which is at least three times lower than that of the nucleic acid-binding chemotherapeutic agent.

13. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical combination composition according to claim 11 wherein the iron-chelating compound has an iron-chelating capacity which is at least ten times lower than that of the nucleic acid-binding chemotherapeutic agent.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method of treatment of a disease caused by HIV ~~an RNA virus~~, comprising administering bleomycin to a patient infected with HIV ~~the RNA virus~~.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17 wherein the disease caused by ~~an RNA virus is HIV~~ HIV is AIDS.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)

22. (New) A method of reducing the viral replication rate of HIV in a patient infected with the HIV, comprising administering sufficient quantities of bleomycin to a patient infected with the HIV to inhibit the viral replication rate of the HIV.